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SUBJECT: LIBYAN/ EGYPTIAN RELATIONS: STILL ROUGH BENEATH
THE SURFACE

EGYPTIAN NATIONAL AFP CORRESPONDENT WHO RETURNED TO CAIRO FROM TRIPOLI MAY 16 AFTER INTERVIEWING QADHAAFI HAS REPORTED THAT WITHIN PAST MONTH LIBYANS HAVE INSTITUTED AIRPORT CUSTOMS AND POLICE PROCEDURES THAT DISCREMINATE AGAINST EGYPTIANS. CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT BOTH ENTERING AND DEPARTING LIBYA, EGYPTIANS ARE SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL SEARCHES BY LIBYAN POLICE AUTHORITIES, WHILE OTHER ARAB NATIONALITIES MUST PASS GENERALLY ROUTINE BORDER CHECKS. CORRESPONDENT ADDS THAT ACCORDING TO EGYPTIANS WITH WHOM HE TALKED IN TRIPOLI, MOST WANT OUT AND ARE SIMPLY WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN THEIR CONTRACTS EXPIRE BEFORE RETURNING TO EGYPT. MANY FEEL THEY ARE HATED AND DO NOT WANT TO REMAIN. MOREOVER, LARGE NUMBERS OF EGYPTIANS ARE REPORTEDLY IN PROCESS OF LEAVING FOR HOME WITHOUT BEING REPLACED BY OTHER EGYPTIANS. CORRESPONDENT FEELS THAT THIS IS FAIRLY CLEAR INDICATION THAT TIDE OF EGYPTIAN INFLUX INTO LIBYA HAS BEGUN TO EBB, A PROCESS WHICH LIBYANS SEEM TO ENCOURAGE IN MANY SMALL, BUT EFFECTIVE WAYS.

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